

MINUTES – MEETING OF THE
CAREER EDUCATION AND WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT BOARD

February 8, 2017
1:30 p.m.

The Career Education and Workforce Development Board was called to order by Chairman Michael Garner. The meeting was held at the Arkansas Rehabilitation Services, 525 West Capitol Avenue, Little Rock, Arkansas.

A record of member attendance is as follows:

PRESENT

Mr. Michael Garner, Chair
Mr. Hugh McDonald, Vice Chair
Mrs. Gina Radke
Mr. Troy Keeping
Mrs. Jenifer Price
Mrs. Stacy Gunderman
Dr. Jerry Cash
Dr. Keith Vire
Mr. Scott Copas
Dr. Adam Arroyos
Mr. Burton Weis

Ex-Officio Nonvoting Members

Dr. Charisse Childers, Ex-Officio Secretary
Dr. Paul Beran

ABSENT

Mr. Michael Lindsey
Mr. Jeff Standridge

Ex-Officio Nonvoting Members

Dr. Maria Markham
Mr. Bill Stovall
Mr. Johnny Key
Mr. Mike Preston
Mr. Daryl Bassett
Dr. Richard Abernathy

Mr. Michael Garner, Chair called the meeting to order.

ACTION ITEM 1 – APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF DECEMBER 14, 2016

On a motion by Mr. Keeping and second by Mr. Copas, the Career Education and Workforce Development Board unanimously approved the minutes of December 14, 2016.

ACTION ITEM 2 – SECONDARY TECHNICAL CENTERS UPDATE AND BOARD APPROVAL OF PILOT CENTER REIMBURSEMENTS

Mr. Brian Rogers, Deputy Director, Office of Skills Development, provided the board member with an update on the expenditures and enrollments for Black River Technical College in Pocahontas and for Arkansas State University – Newport the two pilots that were approved in fall 2016.

Mr. Rogers asked the board for approval for reimbursements for Black River Technical College in Pocahontas and for Arkansas State University - Newport for the second quarter of Fiscal 2017.

Mr. Garner stated that we need the opportunity in the future to have an agenda item to have those pilot schools here for further discussion.

On a motion by Mr. Keeping and second by Mrs. Radke, the Career Education and Workforce Development board unanimously approved the request for reimbursements to Black River Technical College in Pocahontas and Arkansas State University - Newport for the second quarter of Fiscal 2017

INFORMATION ITEM 3 – OFFICE OF SKILLS DEVELOPMENT GRANTS UPDATE

Mr. Brian Rogers, Deputy Director, Office of Skills Development, provided the board members with an update on the Office of Skills Development Grants.

INFORMATION ITEM 4 – STRATEGIC PLAN DASHBOARD PREVIEW

Dr. Charisse Childers, Director, stated that we are moving forward in our effort to integrate the agency strategic plan into daily agency operations and looking at our goals, and objectives and strategies to accomplish those. So now, we are incorporating those into software using analytics so that we can have greater efficiency in our programs and improving our decision-making.

Dr. Childers provided the board a preview of the University of Illinois – Urbana strategic plan dashboard, which will be similar to what we will use for our agency dashboard. Dr. Childers provided them a look at our website with our mission and strategic plan pages, which is still in beta.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Budget Committee – No report

Personnel Committee – No report

NEW BUSINESS

Dr. Childers stated that there are a couple of things to share before going into the director's report. The first thing is on the website. We will have a blog and we would like to have the board members write an article for us to post to that blog at least once a month. We will send you an email as to how you may participate. The second thing is that at the next board meeting there are two items we would like to present. The first item would be the demo of the virtual reality equipment that will be provided to schools in Arkansas in partnership with Arkansas and Facebook called TechStart. The second item is that the Pangburn High School is developing an online curriculum focusing on the essential skills for the workplace. They are working with Vital Communications and using student interns for on camera interviews with business professionals. The students would like to sit down with the board members and take fifteen minutes of your time to interview you and gain your expertise for inclusion into their curriculum. Those that are interested in participating, please arrive early before the board meeting.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Dr. Childers asked the board members if they would like to be included in the daily bill tracking summary that is sent out to Senior Management everyday by email. Mr. Garner stated that Monday morning would be the preferred by the board.

Dr. Charisse Childers briefed the board on activities within the agency. The complete report will be sent to the board.

Mr. Garner asked the board members to read the director's report and search for agenda topics for the next board meeting. Mr. Garner stated that he would like to see more input from the board members on suggested agenda items for the upcoming board meetings.

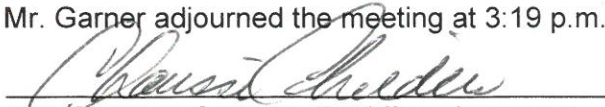
Dr. Childers stated that there will probably be another bill filed to create a task force to look at Career and Technical Education in Arkansas. We will make sure that the board receives a copy of the bill

once it is filed and make you aware of when that committee will meet to review the bill and its progress.

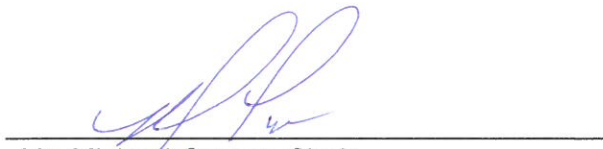
Mr. Garner reminded the members of the next board meeting on March 8, 2017.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Garner adjourned the meeting at 3:19 p.m.



Dr. Charisse Childers, Ex-Officio Secretary
Career Education and Workforce
Development Board



Mr. Michael Garner, Chair
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